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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Great God of love, in Your hands are the depths of the Earth, and the mountain peaks belong to You. We come to You with trust and confidence, for You have promised to watch over and sustain us.

Look favorably upon the efforts of our lawmakers, and help them to humbly serve You and country. May they place Your priorities above their own and seek Your guidance at each crossroad.

Lord, as we again prepare to celebrate America's birthday, make our Nation a beacon of hope to the world. Lead our Nation so that our efforts at home and abroad will be a reflection of Your character and grace. And Lord, bless all who defend our liberties on sea, land, and air.

We pray in the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 27, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

There will be no rollcall votes today. The next vote will occur at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 7. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with respect to the housing reform legislation.

Last night, we were able to reach agreement to complete action on the

FISA legislation. That will be when we return from the recess. So there will be three amendments in order to the legislation, with limited debate time on each. Senators should be prepared to debate and vote on the FISA legislation, which we will complete on Tuesday, July 8.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3202, S. 3213, AND H.R. 3195

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3202) to address record high gas prices at the pump, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3213) to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 3195) to restore the intent and protections of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to proceeding to these bills en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have a number of nominations we are going to try to clear today. We have a number

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